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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BOX, RICHARD THOMAS

Examiner

Robert M. Pond

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-24, 26-31 and 33-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-24, 26-31 and 33-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Amendment

The Applicant cancelled Claims 25, 32, and 39, and amended independent Claims 20, 27, and 34. All pending Claims 20-24, 26-31, and 33-38 were examined. New art was cited to address the amended claims in this non-final rejection.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to Claims 20, 27, and 34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Applicant is required to submit corrected drawings of the noted defects. Applicant is required to submit drawing corrections promptly. Drawing corrections may no longer be held in abeyance. Noted defects include: Figures 4-9, 10A-10F, and 11A do not meet margin requirements. Please see 37 CFR 1.84 for drawing standards.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

- 2. Claims 20-24, 26-31, and 33-38 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedrick, patent number 5,696,965, in view of Newsbytes (PTO-892 Items: U and V).**

Dedrick teaches an information distribution system, method, and logic supported by program code of Intel Corporation that serves as a portal for users to access information databases across a network. Content tailored to the informational needs of the user is displayed on a graphical user interface, wherein the displayed content is determined by the user profile, demographics, viewing history, and search criteria. Dedrick teaches business, academic, and personal applications used on networked computer systems, the use of local or wide area networks, hypertext mark-up language that links users to content and services, and a graphical user interface (GUI) that allows users to move between software applications. Dedrick furthers teaches distribution of local content, regional content, limited content for distribution to users, content in the form of advertisements, transaction logs, and monthly transaction statements for billing

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purposes (please see at least abstract; Fig. 1 (10); Fig. 3 (14); Fig. 4 (20); col. 1, line 5 through col. 13, line 15).

Dedrick teaches all the above as noted under the 103(a) rejection and further teaches one or more yellow page servers accessed by client systems and routing users via hypertext mark-up languages to distributed content, but does not disclose links to web sites within the context of a government system. Newsbytes teaches Internet users accessing government information online through wide area information servers that act like a yellow pages directory. The user can access the content without knowing where the distributed information is stored and further access a directory of the federal government's products and services (Item U: see page 1). Newsbytes further teaches InfoSpace providing a web directory service providing a yellow pages service and government listings as a part of the Ultimate Classifieds online service. Newsbytes further teaches Intel Corporation, Microsoft, Oracle, and others as strategic partners (Item V: see page 1). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time of the invention to modify the system and method of Dedrick to include links to government web site as taught by Newsbytes, in order to provide citizens with convenient access to important government information.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mr. Robert M. Pond** whose telephone number is 703-605-4253. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:30PM EDT.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Ms. Wynn Coggins** can be reached on 703-308-1344.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Receptionist** whose telephone number is **703-308-1113**.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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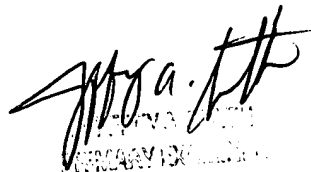
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